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TAGS: CIEC

SUBJECT: CIEC: CO-CHAIRMEN CANVASS ON POSTPONEMENT
OF MINISTERIAL

1. MISSION HAS RECEIVED FROM CIEC EXECUTIVE SECRETARY GUITTON THE TEXT OF A LETTER FROM CONFERENCE CO-CHAIRMEN MACEACHEN AND PEREZ-GUERRERO. THIS LETTER IS ADDRESSED TO SECRETARY KISSINGER AND TO ALL OTHER MINISTERS WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE CIEC MINISTERIAL OF LAST DECEMBER. ACCORDING TO THE LETTER THE CO-CHAIRMEN HAVE CONCLUDED "THAT THE PROSPECTS FOR A SUCCESSFUL MINISTERIAL MEETING IN DECEMBER ARE NOT FAVORABLE", ARE CONSULTING PARTICIPANTS ON POSTPONEMENT, SEEKING REPLIES BY DECEMBER 7, AND WILL ASSUME SILENCE TO BE ASSENT TO A CONSENSUS FOR POSTPONEMENT. FULL TEXT OF THE LETTER IS AS FOLLOWS:

BEGIN TEXT:

DEAR MR. MINISTER,

THE CIEC IS NOW TWO WEEKS FROM ITS SCHEDULED MINISTERIAL MEETING, DECEMBER 15-17. IT HAS BEEN OUR CONTINUING PURPOSE THAT THE CONFERENCE SHOULD RESULT IN ACTION WHICH WOULD CONSTITUTE A SIGNIFICANT ADVANCE IN INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND MAKE A SUBSTANTIAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. DOUBT HAS BEEN EXPRESSED AS TO WHETHER A SATISFACTORY BASIS EXISTS FOR A SUCCESSFUL MINISTERIAL MEETING IN DECEMBER. IT HAS ALSO BEEN SUGGESTED THAT REQUIRED POLICY DECISIONS CANNOT BE REACHED AT THIS TIME AND THAT, THEREFORE, THE MINISTERIAL MEETING BE POSTPONED TO A MORE FAVORABLE DATE.

BASED ON AN OBJECTIVE ANALYSIS REGARDING THE ABILITY OF MEMBER GOVERNMENTS TO TAKE, UNDER THE PREVAILING CIRCUMSTANCES, THE KIND OF ACTION NEEDED ON THE ISSUES BEFORE THE CONFERENCE, IT IS OUR COMMON VIEW THAT THE PROSPECTS FOR A SUCCESSFUL MINISTERIAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MEETING IN DECEMBER ARE NOT FAVORABLE.

IN LIGHT OF THE ABOVE, WE HAVE AGREED TO CONSULT THE MEMBERS OF THE CONFERENCE ON THE MATTER OF A POSTPONEMENT OF THE MINISTERIAL MEETING. IN THE EVENT THAT AN AGREEMENT IS REACHED FOR SUCH A POSTPONEMENT, WE WILL CONSULT YOU AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IN

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THE NEW YEAR, ON THE MOST CONVENIENT AND EARLY DATE
FOR THE FINAL MINISTERIAL MEETING AND REGARDING ITS
PREPARATION.

WE WOULD APPRECIATE HAVING YOUR REPLY BY
DECEMBER 7TH INDICATING WHETHER YOU WOULD JOIN A
CONSENSUS FOR POSTPONEMENT, SO AS TO ENABLE US TO
COMMUNICATE TO ALL PARTICIPANTS THE RESULTS OF THIS
CONSULTATION SOON THEREAFTER. IF WE HAVE NOT RE-
CEIVED YOUR REPLY BY DECEMBER 7TH, WE WILL PRESUME
THAT YOU WOULD NOT OBJECT TO SUCH A CONSENSUS.

YOURS SINCERELY,

ALLAN J. MACEACHEN MANUEL PEREZ GUERRERO
END TEXT.

2. GUITTON'S MESSAGE TO US INDICATES THAT THE
PRECEDING LETTER HAS ALSO BEEN SEPARATELY SENT BY
TELEX TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE BUT ASKS THAT WE ALSO
TRANSMIT IT BY THE MOST RAPID MEANS AVAILABLE AND THAT
WE TRANSMIT TO HIM THE U.S. RESPONSE TO THE CO-
CHAIRMEN'S LETTER.

3. REQUEST INSTRUCTIONS ON RESPONSE TO BE TRANS-
MITTED TO THE CO-CHAIRMEN THROUGH GUITTON.
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